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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH
ROMULO

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1. AS PROMISED REF B, WE NOTIFIED MEMBERS OF MILITARY
GROUP WHO HAVE BEEN PREPARING TO BACK UP ROMULO MEETING
WITH THE SECRETARY THAT THERE WILL BE A DELAY IN THE
SCHEDULE. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED, AND FROM
PASSPORTS SUBMITTED TO CONSULAR SECTION, WE HAVE LEARNED
THAT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENRILE IS AMONG THOSE INTENDING
TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING WITH SECRETARY.

2. THIS FACT, PLUS INTENSIVE PREPARATIONS BEING MADE BY
MILITARY STAFF, SUGGEST THAT MARCOS IS TAKING THESE TALKS
SERIOUSLY AND MAY INDEED BE PREPARED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT
SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. IT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT GOP WILL
SEEK FAIRLY SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING MDT
APPLICABILITY AND THE SIZE AND NATURE OF THE QUID.
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